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LAYER AND A PASSIVATING LAYER, A  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PASSIVATING  
LAYER ON A SILICON LAYER AND THEIR USE

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Respectfully submitted,

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